

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A keratotic plug remover comprising:

(i) a polymer (A) having sulfonic or sulfate groups or having salts thereof,

wherein said polymer (A) is not poly 2-acrylamide-2-methylpropane sulfonate (AMPS);

and

(ii) a nonionic polymer (B),

wherein polymer (A) and nonionic polymer (B) are soluble in water, and a mixing proportion of said polymer (A) to nonionic polymer (B) is 30:70 to 70:30 in terms of a weight ratio of (A) to (B).

2. (Original) The keratotic plug remover according to claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight of polymer (A) and nonionic polymer (B) are each independently within a range of 10,000 to 3,000,000.

3. (Original) The keratotic plug remover according to claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight of polymer (A) and nonionic polymer (B) are each independently within a range of 100,000 to 1,000,000.

4. (Original) The keratotic plug remover according to claim 1, wherein polymer (A) is a polymer selected from the group consisting of (a) homopolymers of a vinyl having a (meth)acryloyl skeleton or styrene skeleton and a sulfonic group, or a salt thereof, (b) copolymers of a vinyl having a (meth)acryloyl skeleton or styrene skeleton and a sulfonic group, or a salt thereof with a monomer copolymerizable therewith, (c) polysaccharides having a sulfonic group or a salt thereof, and (d) homopolymers of vinylsulfonic acid, allylsulfonic acid or a salt thereof, or copolymers of such a monomer with a monomer copolymerizable therewith.

5. (Original) The keratotic plug remover according to claim 1, wherein nonionic polymer (B) is a polymer selected from the group consisting of (e) homopolymers of a vinyl monomer having an amide group, (f) copolymers of a vinyl monomer having an amide group with a monomer copolymerizable therewith; and (g) polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polyglycerol, polyvinyl alcohol, pullulan, guar gum and hydroxyethyl cellulose.

4 6. (Currently Amended) The keratotic plug remover of claim 1, further comprising a polyhydric ~~alcohols~~ alcohol.

5 7. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim 4, wherein said polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, polyethylene glycols; propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, butylene glycols, glycerol, diglycerol, sugar alcohols, adducts of glycerols with ethylene oxide and propylene oxide, ethylene oxide-propylene oxide adducts of sugar alcohols, ethylene oxide-propylene oxide adducts of monosaccharides, and ethylene oxide-propylene oxide adducts of polysaccharides.

6 ~~8~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim 1, further comprising a powder.
7 ~~9~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim ~~8~~⁶, wherein said powder is selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, zinc oxide, silica, alumina, calcium carbonate, calcium silicate, mica, talc, kaolin, nylon powder, cellulose powder, a polystyrene resin powder and a mixture thereof.

8 ~~10~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim 1, further comprising an oily component.

9 ~~11~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim ~~10~~⁸, wherein said oily component is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin, squalane, vaseline, solid paraffin, natural oils, ester oils, silicone oils, higher fatty acids and a mixture thereof.

10 ~~12~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim 1, further comprising a surfactant in a proportion of 0.01 to 5 % by weight in the keratotic plug remover.

11 ~~13~~. (Original) The keratotic plug remover of claim 1, further comprising an element selected from the group consisting of a coloring matter, vitamins, anti-inflammatory agents, germicides, preservatives, ultraviolet absorbents, whitening agents, moisturizers and a mixture thereof.

12 ~~14~~. (Previously Presented) A sheet pack comprising a cosmetic composition comprising the keratotic plug remover of claim 1 and a water vapor-permeable support.

13 ~~15~~. (Previously Presented) The sheet pack of claim ~~14~~¹², wherein said keratotic plug remover has no flowability.

14 ~~16~~. (Previously Presented) The sheet pack of claim ~~15~~¹³, wherein said keratotic plug remover has a solvent content of from 1 to 80%.

15 ~~17~~. (Previously Presented) The sheet pack of claim ~~16~~¹², wherein said keratotic plug remover has a water content of from 0.1 to 30%.

~~16~~ ¹² 18. (Previously Presented) The sheet pack of claim ~~14~~, wherein said keratotic plug remover has a water content of from 15 to 20%.

~~17~~ 19. (Original) A process for removing keratotic plugs, which comprises:

- i) coating or plastering skin with the keratotic plug remover of claim 1;
- ii) drying said keratotic plug remover; and
- ii) peeling said keratotic plug remover from said skin.

~~18~~ 20. (Previously Presented) A process for removing keratotic plugs, which comprises

- (i) plastering skin with a sheet pack comprising a cosmetic composition comprising the keratotic plug remover of claim 1 and a water vapor-permeable support; and

(ii) drying the pack; and

(iii) peeling said pack from said skin.

~~19~~ ¹⁸ 21. (Previously Presented) The process of claim ~~20~~, wherein said keratotic plug remover has no flowability further comprising wetting said skin or said sheet pack prior to plastering said skin.

~~20~~ ¹⁹ 22. (Original) The process of claim ~~21~~, further comprising wetting said skin prior to plastering said skin.

~~21~~ ¹⁹ 23. (Previously Presented) The process of claim ~~21~~, further comprising wetting said sheet pack prior to plastering said skin.--